(c) what action the Government of India have taken to counteract such anti-India propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Dr. Jagjit Singh Chauhan was interviewed on B.B.C. Radio 4 in the programme "World at One" on June 12, 1984. In the course of the interview he stated that in the Sikh History anybody who had touched the Holy places had not been left alive, and within a few days there could be news that Mrs. Gandhi and her family had been beheaded. He also said that while he did not want any violence in Britain, "We shall have to continue this struggle back in the home, that is what we have to do and organise".

(b) Government of India condemn such inflammatory and highly objectionable utterances. Our views have been conveyed to the British Government through diplomatic channels in London as well as in New Delhi. The British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs has expressed regrets at this interview and described Dr. Chauhan's utterances as "most objectionable". The British Home Office is examining Dr. Chauhan's statements for possible violation of law. Government of India are watching the situation. A protest has also been lodged with the B.B.C.

(c) Our High Commission in London has been countering such objectionable propaganda by maintaining contacts with the Press and various individuals. We have also distributed video cassettes to various Indian associations and individuals which explain the rationale of Government action in Punjab and depict the correct situation.

Release of Indian prisoners in Pak jails

@1076. SHRI P. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian prisoners released by Pakistan authorities during the last two months;

(b) the number of Indians still detained in Pak jails; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to get them released and repatriated to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) 15 Indian prisoners have been released by Pakistan authorities during the last two months.

(b) It is believed that about 500 Indians are detained in Pakistan jails.

(c) Continuous efforts are being made by the Government to get the Indian prisoners released and repatriated.

Moratorium on testing and deployment of space weapons

@@1077. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the initiative taken by the Government of India to work out multilateral agreement on a moratorium on testing and deployment of space weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): The Government of India has been consistently working, in consultation and coordination with the governments of all the like-minded countries, at the international forums of the Conference on Disarmament (CD), the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and the General Assembly of the United Nations, to ensure that the outer space is used exclusively for peaceful purposes. These joint efforts are *inter alia* aimed at preventing any militarisation of outer space and extension of an arms race into outer space, so that both the testing and deployment of space

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weapons could also be avoided. The adoption and formulation of specific initiative(s) with a view to working out multilateral agreement (s) in this regard will depend upon the joint decision(s) taken by the concerned governments.

U. S. Immigration Bill

@1078. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI BHIM RAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the 'Times of India' of 30th June, 1984, to the effect that the U. S. Immigration Bill will hit the interests of Indian students in America;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Bill provides that once a foreign student in the U.S. completes his studies, he should go back to his home country and stay there for at least two years before he applies for a job in the U.S.;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) the extent to which it is likely to affect the Indian students studying there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress passed on the 20th June, 1984, a new Immigration Bill. The U.S. Senate had passed a more or less similar Bill on the 18th May, 1983. As there are differences in the two Bills, a House-Senate conference is necessary to finally clear the Bill. There is opposition within the United States to the Bill. The new Immigration Bill, if finally approved, would provide for the return of foreign students from the United States to their home countries for two years after completion of their courses of study before they could apply for a job in the USA. However, the Bill will provide for special exceptions to the above rule as a result of which many Indian students may not be affected.

विदेशों में स्थित भारतीय दूतावासों में सरकारी काम काज में हिन्दी का प्रयोग शुरू किया जाना

@@1079. **श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा** : क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) कितने भारतीय दूतावासों में अधिकांश आंतरिक कार्य हिंदी में होता है ;

(ख) सभी दूतावासों में सरकारी काम-काज में हिंदी का प्रयोग शुरू करने की समयबद्ध योजना क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग "ख" का उत्तर "न" हो तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ए०ए० रहीम) (क) सभी भारतीय मिशनों में सरकारी कामकाज में क्रमोत्तर मात्रा में हिंदी का प्रयोग किया जाता है ।

(ख) हमारा लक्ष्य सरकारी कामकाज में हिंदी के प्रगामी प्रयोग को बढ़ाना है लेकिन किसी समयबद्ध योजना को निश्चित करना संभव नहीं है ।

(ग) विदेश स्थित मिशनों के कामकाज में विदेशी सरकारों और विदेशियों के साथ संपर्क रखना पड़ता है जिन्हें आमतौर पर हिंदी की जानकारी नहीं होती, तथापि, सरकारी कामकाज में हिंदी के प्रयोग को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये हमने अपने मिशनों को देवनागरी टाइपराइटर, शब्दकोष, शब्द बिर्ले और अन्य सहायता सामग्री उपलब्ध कराई है ।

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